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US soldier Manning found guilty of espionage



FORT MEADE (AFP) American soldier Bradley
Manning was found guilty of
espionage on Tuesday for
leaking US government secrets, but he was cleared of
the most serious charge that
he wilfully helped Al-Qaeda.

Manning, in full military uniform, showed little emotion as he heard his fate in a nine-minute judgment that could still see him jailed for a total of 136 years for handing classified information to WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy website headed by Julian Assange.

Tuesday's verdict follows an exhaustive two-month court martial at the Fort Meade military base in Maryland, near the US capital.

Manning's sentencing, which could take up to one month of further court time, will begin Wednesday.

The 25-year-old US Army private was working as an intelligence analyst near Baghdad when he was arrested more than three years ago and he has been in military custody ever since.

Having admitted earlier this year that he had passed a trove of 700,000 documents to WikiLeaks, Manning's culpability was no longer in question and he was ultimately found guilty of all but two of the 22 offenses for which he was tried.

But he was cleared of the court martial's most controversial charge, that of "aiding the enemy".

Government lawyers argued that the soldier exhibited malign intent in transmitting the files to WikiLeaks, which later published them, much to the embarrassment of the United States and its allies.

Political Debate between major candidates announced for end of August



Prime Minister Mike Eman and leader of the AVP party

The contest held every four years for leadership of Aruba's government is on, and islanders have many issues to contemplate prior to casting their vote. A committee comprised of executives from Aruba's Chamber of Commerce (KvK) and the Aruba Trade & Industry Association, (ATIA) are collaborating to host a political debate between the heads of the parties which now occupy seats in parliament, to assist in this process.

Director of the KvK, Leo Maduro, and Director of ATIA, Igmar Reyes, announced the upcoming debate will take place on Tuesday, August 27 in the



Evelyn Wever-Croes leader of the MEP party

ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach. The three candidates responding to queries from the moderator will be Prime Minister Mike Eman of the majority AVP Party, and Parliamentarians Evelyn Wever-Croes of MEP and Andin Bikker of Democracia Real (PDR). These are the three political parties now in office.

"The debate will focus on Aruba's fiscal situation and economic prospects," explained Leo Maduro. "Questions will not address emotional political rhetoric, but pressing issues that require factual and concrete answers."

"Aruba's business community has concerns about the budget deficit and what our leaders plan to do about it," expressed Igmar Reyes. "These and related questions are what we wish to see discussed during the debate."

"Though some may think these questions are targeted to entrepreneurs and large business owners, Aruba's fiscal policies are of concern to every person earning a livelihood," concluded Mr. Maduro.

The debate, scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, will be conducted in English, as it is going to be broadcast in Hol-



Andin Bikker leader of the PDR party

land and internationally. Doors will open at 7:00 PM. The audience will be asked to submit questions, which will be screened by a committee equally split between executives of the KvK and ATIA. Questions can also be submitted directly to the KvK in advance via e-mail: secretari at@arub achamb er. com. Tickets to attend the debate are 75 Arubian florins (\$43.) and can be purchased at the KvK building in Eagle or at the ATIA offices in Dakota.

Organizers emphasized that the debates will be conducted in a polite and respectful manner. They will prohibit any sort of banners, flags, signs, tee shirts, or other promotional materials from any party during the event. TeleAruba, channel 13, has already committed to broadcasting it live, but all local TV stations have been invited to also provide coverage, and it will be streamed live on the Internet.

ATIA and KvK believe this debate, taking place one month prior to elections on September 27, will help provide the information islanders require to reflect upon in order to cast a confident ballot on Election Day.

By Rosalie Klein

Israelis, Palestinians seek peace deal in nine months

John Kerry delivers remarks on the Middle East Peace Process Talks, with Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat. After a three-year stalemate, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators on Tuesday set themselves an ambitious goal to reach a long elusive peace deal within nine months.

(See story on pg 6)





Directors of DPL, DAO and DIMAS preparing to move together



DPL and DAO Directors

During last week's supervision of the construction work taking place on the old Tax Building in the Paardenbaaistraat, Ministers Eman, Sievinger and Oduber were also on hand along with the three directors who will be occupying the reconstructed building.

DPL Director Mireeille Meeuwisse and DAO Direc-

According to Riviears, those who will benefit most from the strategic location of the building, and it's union of these three departments, will be the public. In this vein, they have already begun the process of communicating directly with each other to make the move as smooth as possible. Together with the InfraTeam they are working tor Anthony Lee Riviears ex- on the interior space to have pressed their expectations an adequate allocation for



with respect to the union that the three departments will create being under one roof. This will mean a much better service to the general public.

Reconstructing this old buiding will save the government some 1.4 million Florins in rent of another location let alone the significant improvement in service to the public that it will render as each of these three departments are closely related to each other in one way or the other.

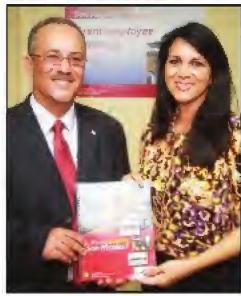
each department in keeping with their specific need requirements.

Van Kessel Havenbouw NV began the work several months ago. The project is moving along nicely and on schedule. It is expected to be completed in the month of March 2014. At first glance, the reconstruction of the old Tax Building indeed appears to be a brilliant idea and a definite money saver for the government's coffers in lue of rent payments some place

Minister Of Economic Affairs Hooyboer-Winklaar:

"Fiscal incentives mark a new era for San Nicolas"





The government of Aruba is doing their utmost to spark new economic livelyhood into San Nicolas, Last week, in a well attended gathering, the Minister of Economic Affairs announced the..."Come and establish your business in San Nicolaas" campaign. There a host of information was given pertaining to the stimilus fiscal plan for the area.

The government has introduced an ambitious incentive package for business owners who invest in San Nicolas. This fiscal package marks the beginning of a new era for San Nicolaas and a drastic change in the quality of life for citizens living above the

Starting a NV business today is much less combersome than in the past. Separate from the ease of getting

started, they also reduced the tariff from Afl. 2000, - to Afl. 400. The waiting time to get the required permits has also been significantly reduced as the departments in charge process these documents in a few weeks. These changes have resulted in many more new businesses coming on board as recorded by the Chamber of Commerce.

Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar was very pleased with the large turn out for the information night at the San Nicolas YMCA. It shows that there is confidence in a revitalized San



Nicolas. The hope is that San Nicolas can ultimately be restored to its former glory and again become a vibrant center of commerce.





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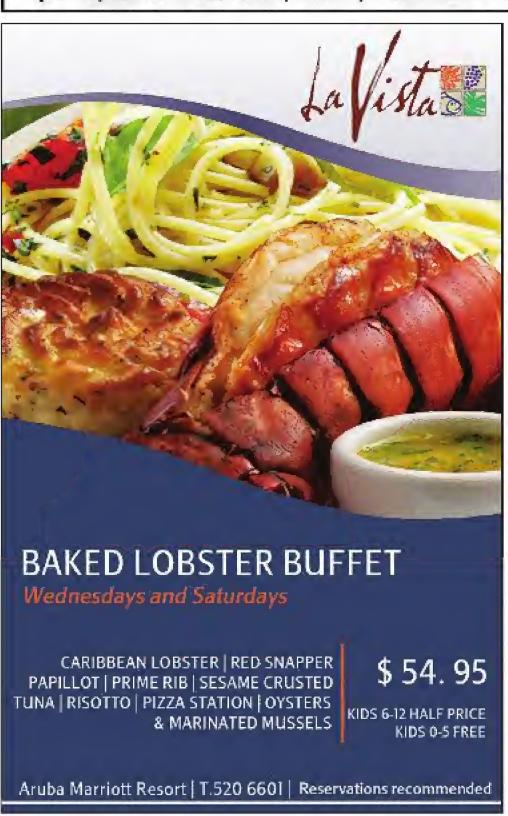
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CEDEHM sponsors outreach program for Charlaine Odor

Sandra Brown of the Centro Desoroyo de Hende Muhe, (Women's Development Center) or CEDEHM, welcomed press members on Monday afternoon, July 29 to introduced press members and the public to Charlaine Odor, who has, for Aruba the unusual condition of dwarfism.

Charlaine is 23 years old and recently graduated from the Aruba's vocational high school, EPB. This very pretty young woman of short statures is unusual to see on Aruba, as her condition, Achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism, only takes place in one of 26,000 to 40,000 births. An island with a small population such as Aruba has not many such incidents.

Though Charlaine tries to live her life as fully possible, attending school, volunteering for the Red Cross and



Sandra Brown and Charlaine Odor

working, her interaction with the community is mixed. "The Red Cross volunteers and staff have always been wonderfully supportive in whatever I try to do; they are like my family," she explained. Unfortunately, she has also faced ignorance and ridicule, not unusual in countries where individuals with dwarfism are rarely seen.

The principal purpose of the CEDEHM is to assist island women with all sorts of problems and situations, and Charlaine presented some very unique ones. She came to them expressing the hope of meeting others like herself, with whom to socialize, so they may support each other. While attempting to comply with her request, they found that Aruba's hospital and census office have in no way kept any records of anyone born with dwarfism, impeding their forming a support group.

Sandra Brown expressed that such a study would be beneficial to the island, to understand what percentage of individuals on the island are dwarves. The condition is defined as being of a height of less than 4'10" when a fully grown adult, though dwarfism is evident from birth.

CEDEHM invites any other individuals of short stature to please inquire at their offices in Oranjestad regarding forming a social and support group. The island could use the valuable information of recording how many actually live on Aruba, their issues and their needs.

Though there is a support organization in the U.S. called Little People of America. Ms. Brown explained that the term "Hende Chikito" (Little People) commonly used in the region to describe people like Ms. Odor, has come to have rather negative and hurtful connotations, Community understanding of this unique condition, and acceptance and respect for the people living with it, is something that must be encouraged.

Barranquilla to Host First Meeting of Caribbean Carnivals



Bogota -- The northern Colombian city of Barranquilla will host the 1st Caribbean Carnival Meeting to be held from August 1 to 2, bringing together eight countries and six carnivals that were declared Cultural Heritage of the Nation.

The Ministry of Culture announced today on its website that this meeting will host exhibitors, academic. re-

searchers, directors and cultural managers of the Caribbean, among them representatives of the Carnivals of Santiago de Cuba, Ponce, Puerto Rico and Panama.

It will be also attended by important figures from Aruba, Trinidad and Tobago, Cocolo Danzante Theatre of San Pedro de Macoris, in the Dominican Republic and Parachicos de Chiapas group, from Mexico.

The meeting will launch the program for the celebration of the first ten years of the declaration of the Carnival of Barranquilla as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by Unesco, organizers noted.

An authentic taste of the Caribbean cuisine now at Jamaica Mi Irie



Curried Goat and Jamaican **Root Wine**

The word "irie" has a plethora of meanings in Jamaican culture, from pure nirvana to feeling well satisfied, and patrons will certainly feel at least the latter after a visit to Aruba's only authentic Jamaican restaurant, the newly opened Jamaica Mi Irie in San Nicolas.

The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey

Roy Elliott, the master in the restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthusiastic effort with his wife. Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken,

Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house

Jerk Chicken with Rice & Peas specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from

kitchen of Ellioti's Italian Jeffrey Elliott and what is fresh and seasonal.

wife Dalsy This very cute, cozy place is open for lunch and dinner daily, except Sundays and Mondays, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. It is located directly across from the BSL Laundry on Captain Rodgerstraat, which runs along the refinery wall parallel to the San Nicolas main street.

Call us at: 5889027 or find us on facebook: Jamaica Mi Irie Aruba.

Don't miss the Carubbian Festival this coming Thursdayl





Every Thursday evening, islanders flock to San Nicolas to enjoy the fabulous bargains and entertainment of the Carubbian Festival, a mix of Aruban and Caribbean traditions kept alive by the multicultural make up of Aruba's "Sunrise City."

Originally populated by the thousands that came from all over the Caribbean to work at the refinery, the town has savored and preserved the food, music and dance that many brought with them from their various regions. The festival revels in the diverse background of San Nicolas, offering unique dishes and beverages, along with a full evening of island entertainment.

This week schedule is as exciting as ever featuring:

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"DANCE GROUPS" "THE SUPER DANCERS"

"MASIDURI" "CARNA ARUBA" Limbo Show "MIQUEL PHILLIPS"

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Scattered throughout the main street of San Nicolas are performance areas surround by seating where you can settle in with an island snack or dinner, including steelpan music with Nico Connor and Bito and the

Island visitors can enjoy the Carubbian festival as part of a complete package available at all De Palm and concierge desks, which include transportation. You can customize you evening by purchasing with or without food and refreshments. A variety of local handicrafts are offered for sale and the event guarantees a good time for all, with an authentic introduction to the island experience.

Group from Aruban militia Arumii returns after winning the top spot among the Royal Marines at the 4-daagse Nijmegen



The Prime Minister Mike Eman was at hand at the airport to welcome back a group of young men training in our military outfit here, ARU-MIL. The honor was due to their recent performance at the Dutch 4-days annual event held in Nijmegen, Holland. The Prime Minister remarked, "you make us all proud!"

The International Four Day Marches Nijmegen (or Vierdaagse) is the largest marching event in the world. It is organised every year in Nijmegen in mid-July as a means of promoting sport and exercise. Participants walk 30, 40 or 50 kilometers daily depending on their age and gender, and, on completion, receive a royally approved medal

(Vierdaagsekruis). The participants are mostly civilians, but there are also a few thousand military participants.

Standard categories:

 $30 \text{ km} \times 4 \text{ days}$

40 km x 4 days

 $50 \text{ km} \times 4 \text{ days}$ Military category:

40 km x 4 days -Wearing uniform + at least 10 kg backpack for persons ages 19(or 19 that year)-49 (+ water, etc.)

50 km x 4 days

The Prime Minister thanked Captain Cedrick Werleman and Sergeant Lorenzo Texeira of ARUMIL for their leadership which inspired our young people to perform so well. Werleman explained that they had been training since January, hiking the whole island. And, says he..."we were well prepared

and succeeded in getting to first place in the Dutch Royal Marines division, as well as in the naval division whom participated in the 4-day Niimegen event.

"Our ARUMIL team also did the parachute test which they all passed successfully. They all received a certifi-

According to the young men, we went with the intention of only representing Aruba and not expecting to win the first prize. Texeira indicated,.. "we are very proud of our young people."







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Peruvian Colony presents Prime Minister Eman with beautiful painting



As part of the national celebration of Peru 'Fiestas Patrias,' the Peruvian Colony established on Aruba presented Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman with a Peruvian flag and a beautiful painting.

The ceremony took place at Sheriff in Ponton where the Peruvian Colony gathered to celebrate their national day. The Minister was very pleased with the presents and thanked the Peruvian community on Aruba for their support of Aruba and complimented them on being very tranquil and gracious. The

painting is by famous artist Sandra van der Linde who is very known for her Wall Paintings. The evening was filled with different music and dance presentations of Peru who celebrated their Fiestas Patrias on the 28th and 29th of July.

Possible White House rivals Clinton, Biden have breakfast



Hillary (L) and Biden

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Vice President Joe Biden and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, both possible 2016 presidential candidates, had breakfast together on Tuesday, Biden's office said.

The meeting in Washington came a day after Clinton shared a closed-door lunch with President Barack Obama, who defeated her in a hard-fought 2008 primary before recruiting her to be the top US diplomat.

Clinton, who has yet to say whether she will seek the presidency again, is already widely viewed as a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination.

Biden, who can unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination in 1988 and 2008, has hinted at a possible 2016 run.

The two had breakfast at the Naval Observatory, the vice president's residence in Washington.

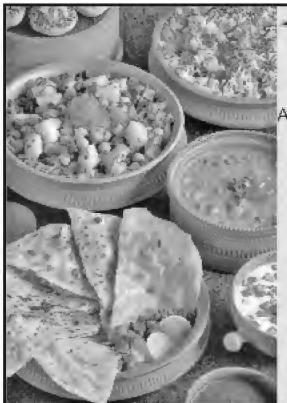
The office did not say what they discussed

The US president is limited to two four-year terms, meaning Obama will leave office in January 2017.

Earlier this year Clinton fielded a flurry of media questions about her intentions by saying only that she wanted rest and relaxation after a grueling run as secretary of state.

But since stepping down she has given a series of public addresses and groups of supporters have already organized themselves behind a 2016 run, stoking speculation

Age could emerge as a factor in the next presidential election. Biden will be 73 when the vote is held and Clinton will be 69. Obama was just 47 when he was elected in 2008.



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Israelis, Palestinians seek peace deal in nine months

WASHINGTON (AFP) After a three-year stalemate,
Israeli and Palestinian negotiators on Tuesday set themselves an ambitious goal to
reach a long elusive peace
deal within nine months.

Standing side-by-side with US Secretary of State John Kerry, who has dragged them back to the negotiating table, officials from both sides said it was time to end their decades-old conflict.

"I can assure you that in these negotiations, it's not our intention to argue about the past, but to create solutions and make decisions for the future," Israeli chief negotiator Tzipi Livni told her Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erakat.

Both sides have agreed to meet again "within the next two weeks," Kerry said, either in Israel or the Palestinian territories to begin formal negotiations.

"Our objective will be to achieve a final status agreement over the course of the next nine months," he added after hosting two days of talks in Washington.

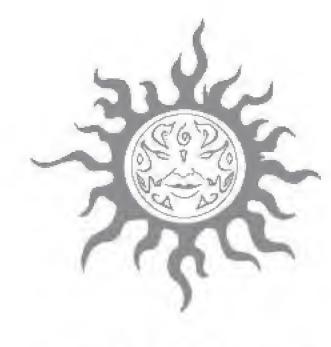
He again urged compromise, saying "reasonable, principled compromise in the name of peace means that everybody stands to gain, each side has a stake in the other's success, and everyone can benefit from the dividends of peace.

"We cannot pass along to another generation the responsibility of ending a conflict that is in our power to resolve in our time."

Livni said over past years the two sides failed to "complete our mission," adding Kerry's efforts had given them a new opportunity, which neither side could "afford to waste."

Erakat agreed, saying:
"No one benefits more from
the success of this endeavor
than Palestinians.

"It's time for the Palestinian people to have an independent sovereign state of their own," he said, before the two negotiators shook hands in front of the cameras.



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BP says oil spill compensation fund running out

LONDON (AFP) - British energy giant BP admitted on Tuesday that its \$20 billion (15 billion euro) fund to compensate victims of the 2010 US oil spill disaster has almost run out of cash. The London-listed energy major made the announcement in its latest results statement, in which BP also revealed a huge switch back into net profit during the second quarter of 2013. It signalled it would play further disaster claims from future profits.

BP said it had increased the estimated amount of cash needed to compensate businesses and individuals from \$8.2 billion to \$9.6 billion.

This means that just \$300 million is left out of the \$20 billion Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust fund, which was created by BP to settle legal obligations stemming from the catastrophe. The group added that its total estimated bill for the disaster stands at \$42.4 billion, including clean-up costs and fines. The announcement was made more than three years after a deadly explosion on BP-leased drilling rig Deepwater Horizon killed 11 people and sent 4.9 million barrels of oil gushing into the Gulf of Mexico.

Obama revives tax plan in bid for fiscal 'bargain'

CHATTANOOGA (AFP) -US President Barack Obama Tuesday offered to lower corporate tax rates in exchange for simplifying a code "riddled with loopholes," in a renewed bid to strike a fiscal deal with rival Republicans.

The reheated tax reform plan, first proposed by Obama and rejected by Republicans in 2011, is part of an attempt by the president to create a "better bargain" for the middle class in a second term thus far marked by few accomplishments.

Republicans, especially Tea Party conservatives, have rejected any proposals that would increase government revenue, insisting that only spending cuts can roll back the bloated deficit without further harming the sluggish economic recovery.

Seeking middle ground, Obama, in a speech in Chattanooga, Tennessee, proposed lowering the maximum rate to 28 percent, down from 35 percent.

"Our tax code is so riddled with loopholes and special interest tax breaks that a lot of companies who are doing the right thing and investing in America pay 35 percent in their taxes," Obama said.

In contrast, "corporations who have got fancy accountants and stash their money overseas, they pay little or nothing in taxes. That's not fair, and it's not good for the economy here," he lamented.

"So I'm willing to simplify our tax code," he said, offering a plan that "closes those loopholes, ends incentives to ship jobs overseas, (and) lowers the rate for businesses that are creating jobs right here in America."

"I want to use some of the money that we save by closing these loopholes to create more good construction jobs with infrastructure initiatives that I already talked about," Obama said.

"Here's the bottom line: I'm willing to work with Republicans on reforming our corporate tax code, as long as we use the money from transitioning to a simpler tax system for a significant investment in creating middle-class jobs," the president said, to applause.



International News



FORT MEADE (AFP)- Supporters of US Army Private First Class Bradley Manning gesture peace signs after attending the trial where Manning was read his verdict yesterday. A US military judge convicted Bradley Manning of espionage, leaving him facing a lengthy jail term despite clearing him on the most serious charge that he laided the enemy.

Norway's mass killer Breivik applies to study political science



OSLO (AFP) - Norway's jailed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, who published a 1,500-page manifesto moments before his 2011 murderous spree, has applied to study political science at the University of Oslo.

Breivik never completed his secondary education, choosing instead to start his own businesses, most of which were unsuccessful.

It leaves him qualified to take some of the courses offered by the Oslo university's Department of Political Science, but none of its degrees.

Breivik is serving a 21-year prison sentence for killing 77 people, mostly youths, by planting a bomb outside Oslo's main government building and later opening fire on a youth camp on the island of Utoeya.

The right-wing extremist's application caused a stir among faculty members, with some professors refusing to have any contact with the 34-year-old killer, news channel TV2 Nyhetskanalen reported.

In his lengthy thesis-like manifesto quoting hundreds of authors and academics, Breivik denounces multiculturalism as Europe's doom and calls for a crusade "to repel... an engoing Islamic invasion".

He also claims to have spent 16,320 hours studying, giving him "an informal education consisting of the equivalent of eight university years (or equivalent to two bachelor degrees and one master degree)."

One dead, 13 hurt in Rio as water main bursts

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A three-year-old girl drowned and 13 people were injured Tuesday as a major water main ruptured, destroying several homes in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, authorities said

Civil Defense named the victim as Isabela Severo dos Santos and said a total of 13 people were admitted to a nearby hospital with injuries, updating a previous toll.

Rio state Governor Sergio Cabral rushed to the scene in the Campos Grande district and vowed to assist residents.

Television footage showed water spewing from the broken pipe, sweeping away cars, trees, garbage containers and dozens of nickety homes as a mountain of trash piled up on the main street.

At least 60 brick houses were flattened and several others flooded as water reached nearly seven feet in many streets.

The homeless were being sheltered in a local school where they tallied their losses to receive compensation.

Juliana Lemos said her house was destroyed but her family is safe.

The cause of the accident was not yet known. The water utility opened an investigation while Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes announced a separate, independent probe.

Power and water in the area were cut off.

Firefighters used inflatable boats to rescue stranded residents while several ambulances rushed the injured to hospitals.

LONDON -- Bars in the U.S. Canada, the UK and Australia have joined in the boycott in not selling Russian vodka to protest an anti-gay law passed by Russia's parliament in June and signed into law this month. The Russian law bans "propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations," including gay pride events. The campaign has been encouraged by blogger Dan Savage. Stolichnaya is being unfairly targeted, the CEO of parent company SPI Group Val



Mendeleev argues. While the vodka boycott is gaining momentum, at least one Russian gay activist has questioned its power. "The producers, even if they become bankrupt because of the boycott (which is unlikely) will not be able to influence Russian politics and President Putin as well as the decisions of the State Duma."





Health & Living

fizzy drinks falls flat HAVANA (AFP) - Football

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -New York's bid to ban giant, sugary sodas on public health grounds suffered a new setback on Tuesday when an appeals court upheld a ruling striking down the proposed legislation.

MayorMichael Bloomberg, who has championed the measure as part of the fight against an obesity epidemic and rampant diabetes, immediately announced that he would take the fight to a higher court.

New York's Board of Health agreed in September 2012 to restrict soda servings to a maximum of 16 ounces (470 milliliters) in restaurants and other venues in the city, including sports stadiums and music venues.

But the initiative, which attracted global attention and would have been a first for a US city, was blocked as "arbitrary and capricious" by a lower court ruling in March, just hours before it was due to come into force.

That ruling was upheld on Tuesday by the New York State Supreme Court's Apellate Division

Bloomberg has made health issues a key plank of his 12year reign at City Hall, which comes to an end in November.

He has banned smoking in restaurants, bars and other public places, and supported successful campaigns to get food producers to phase out the use of trans fats and cut salt con-

He described Tuesday's court decision as only a temporary setback but representatives of the fizzy drinks industry are confident a last and final appeal to the state's Court of Appeals will also fail.

Christopher Gindlesperger, a spokesman for the American Beverage Association (ABA), said the court had "unani-

were ignoring a pressing need to address a public health crisis.

"Since New York City's ground-breaking limit on the portion size of sugary beverages was prevented from going betes," he said in a statement. "Today's decision is a temporary setback, and we plan to appeal this decision as we continue the fight against the obesity epidemic."

Bloomberg's proposals triggered a heated debate in New |

Opponents argued the move 🔳 would infringe civil liberties while supporters pointed to the well-established link between underwent a retina transplant the consumption of sugar-rich drinks and both obesity and Type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes. One in eight New Yorkers suf- | for producing quality doctors fer from diabetes.

I Cuba looks to medical NY bid to ban giant | tourism as income source

legend Diego Maradona blazed a path for Cuba to become a medical tourism destination when he traveled to the island for drug addiction treatment in 2000.

Since then, thousands of other famous and not-so-famous faces have traveled here for help, and the government wants to build on that

Drug rehab, post-accident mously declared the soda ban motor skills rehabilitation, an overreach of executive treatment for eye diseases and plastic surgery -- foreign Bloomberg said the judges patients can get all of these services and more in Cuba, and at competitive prices.

"I've improved tremendously. Now I can move my arms and my legs, and I can almost sit down by myself," into effect on March 12th, more and Venezuelan Cruz Ramos, than 2,000 New Yorkers have who arrived in Cuba two died from the effects of dia- months ago, so injured after a car accident that he could only move his eyes.

In downtown Havana, at a clinic that specializes in eye procedures, fellow Venezuelan Carlos Armando Montana gushes about the services.

"Medical attention here is excellent, as much for the quality of the doctors as for the atmosphere and the facilities," said Montana, 24, who after losing the use of his left eye in a fireworks accident.

Cuba has long been known and providing excellent medical services, and as the communist government of President Raul Castro seeks to revive the island's moribund economy, it is turning to medical tourism as a revenue generator.

Cuba's main source of foreign income is the sale of medical services to other countries -- legions of doctors and nurses, who are public employees, travel abroad to



work following an agreement with the host country.

While this generates billions of dollars a year, the related field of medical tourism is still in its infancy.

Servimed, a governmentowned for-profit medical services company that caters to foreigners, has website pages in Spanish, French and English, the last two aimed mostly at Canadians.

"Cuba is a poor country which has placed its priorities in the right places, which is to say, in education and health services," reads the site.

"We offer the opportunity to be seen and treated by qualified doctors without the delays that one would encounter while trying to visit a doctor in Canada."

Cuba welcomed 2.8 million tourists in 2012, according to official figures. There are no figures however on how many of those foreigners came specifically for medical treatment.

"Cuba has the best doctors in the world," said Maradona after being treated for drug

The Argentine football legend, who befriended Fidel Castro, was so enamored with the island that he has a tattoo of Che Guevara on his right shoulder and an image of Fidel tattooed on his left ankle.

African and Latin American leaders have also sought medical attention in Cuba, including Ecuador's Rafael Correa and -- most notably -the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez.

At Havana's Cira Garcia Clinic, reserved for foreigners, breast augmentation surgery costs \$1,248 (94D euros), compared to around \$6,000 in the United States, \$4,350 in Britain and \$2,500 in Mexico, according to figures from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

There are plenty to choose from: Cuba has the highest number of doctors per residents in the world -- one per 148 inhabitants, according to the World Health Organization.

In other countries, "what makes procedures expensive are the doctors, but in Cuba, they are paid like everyone else," Gonzalez said.

What adds to the cost however is the difficulty in obtaining medical supplies, which cannot be bought in the nearby United States due to a trade embargo in place for a half-century, Gonzalez said.



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GLIWICE(AFP)- An employee at a stonemason's workshop with a face transplant and only identified as "Grzegorz" speaks during a press conferenceyesterday in Gliwice, Poland. The face transplant took place on May 2013 in Gliwice, southern Poland, Polish doctors carried



out the world's first lifesaving face transplant, the centre's spokeswoman said on Wednesday, weeks after a 33-year-old man was disfigured by a machine in a workplace accident. It is Poland's first face transplant and also the first in the world done to save the patient's life. The patient left the hospital yesterday.



BUCHAREST (AFP) - Romania recovered gold coins and silver jewels dating back to the first century from the era of king Koson (1st century BC)that were stolen between 2004 and 2007 from the site of Sarmizegetusa Regia, the capital of the ancient Dacian people, the national history museum said Tuesday. Both the coins and the jewels were recovered from a German auction house. Since 2007, Romania has recovered 13 golden Dacian bracelets and more than 500 gold coins plundered from archaeological sites.



BP says oil spill compensation fund running out

LONDON (AFP) - British energy giant BP admitted on Tuesday that its \$20 billion (15 billion euro) fund to compensate victims of the 2010 US oil spill disaster has almost run out of cash.

The London-listed energy major made the announcement in its latest results statement, in which BP also revealed a huge switch back into net profit during the second quarter of 2013.

It signalled it would pay further disaster claims from future profits.

BP said it had increased the estimated amount of cash needed to compensate businesses and individuals from \$8.2 billion to \$9.6 billion.

This means that just \$300 million is left out of the \$20 billion Deepwater Honzon Oil Spill Trust fund, which was created by BP to settle legal obligations stemming from the catastrophe.

The group added that its total estimated bill for the disaster stands at \$42.4 billion, including clean-up costs and

The announcement was made more than three years after a deadly explosion on BP-leased drilling rig Deepwater Horizon killed 11 people and sent 4.9 million barrels of oil gushing into the Gulf of

That sparked the worst environmental disaster in US history and forced BP to sell billions of dollars of assets.

Meanwhile, BP also revealed that it returned to net profit in the second quarter of this year, helped by the absence of major write-downs.

Earnings after taxation stood at \$2.042 billion in the three months to the end of June, it

That contrasted with a net loss of \$1.519 billion in the same period of last year,.

Facebook toys with mobile game publishing



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Facebook on Tuesday got into the business of publishing mobile games, offering developers help at going global with smartphone or tablet titles in exchange for a share of revenue.

The leading social network

smartphones and tablets, and of finding ways to make users on mobile devices.

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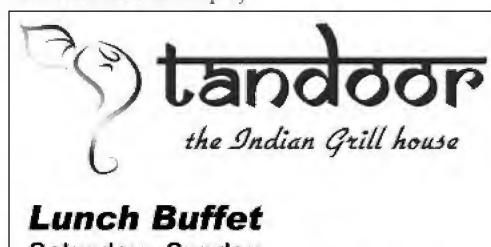
getting members to install applications made by outside developers.

Facebook shares have climbed to new highs since the California-based company

money from visits by last week reported quarterly earnings showing surging mobile revenues that some saw as a turning point for the social networking giant.

> Analysts have been keen for Facebook to prove it can profit from members increasingly opting for smartphones or tablets instead of desktop computers to get online.





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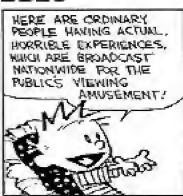
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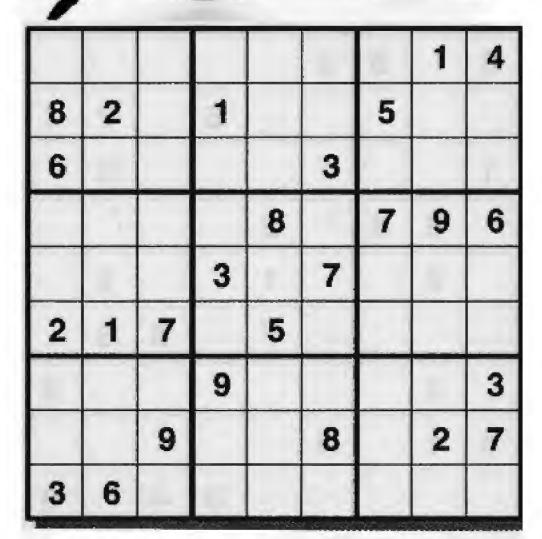
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US financial regulators pressed for quicker reforms

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US senators pressed regulators on Tuesday to speed up implementation of financial service industry reforms aimed at reducing risks from transactions like derivatives swaps that contributed to the 2007 financial crisis.

Mary Jo White, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which is charged with regulating US markets and securities, told the Senate Banking Committee she hoped to roll out many rules that protect investors and consumers this year.

The SEC is overseeing implementation of dozens of new regulations laid out in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act of 2010, which sought to tighten regulations on broad sections of the financial services industry in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

Among them are the muchanticipated regulations on the so-called Volcker Rule, a segment of Dodd-Frank aimed at keeping banks from speculative trades in their own accounts, a tactic that led to the worst financial downturn since the Great Depression.

Asked specifically about a time line for the Volcker rule-making, White said, "that may be completed by year-end."

Also under final crafting are new rules on the application of Dodd-Frank to cross-border, security-based swap transactions.

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But White said the SEC was short-staffed, and two new two new commissioners were just taking up their posts on the five-member body.

"I'm not saying every single one will be done by year-end," she said of the various reforms, which include regulations on small business filing requirements, the relatively new practice of crowdfunding, and disclosures of chief executive salaries.

"Having just passed Dodd-Frank's third anniversary, there is still considerable work to be done," Senator Michael Crapo, the committee's top Republican, told the hearing.

Gary Gensler, chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission which oversees the complex environment of swap deals, testified along with White.

While Gensler said the CFTC has "not shied away from bringing cases against large banks" that break the rules, he and White bemoaned the comparatively low level of funding for their agencies.

"I would say our enforcement resources are tiny compared to the size of the markets," Gensler said.

"The American public put \$180 billion into AIG," he said, referring to the 2008 bailout of the insurance giant.

"That's 600 times what the president asked for funding for our agency."

Liechtenstein bank pays millions to settle US tax dispute

GENEVA (AFP) - Liechtenstein's oldest bank said Tuesday it would pay nearly \$25 million to settle a dispute with US tax authorities over its suspected role in helping clients dodge US taxes.

After months of negotiations, it said it had agreed to hand over \$23.8 million (18 million euros) to US authorities, which in turn will refrain from any legal actions against the bank, it said.

The amount was meanwhile less than half the \$47.2 million the bank said it had put aside in its 2012 and 2013 interim books aimed at settling the drawn-out row.

The US Justice Department and a New York District Attorney's office have been probing whether LLB Vaduz had used Liechtenstein's banking secrecy practices to help US clients violate US tax and security laws.

In addition to dropping their investigation, the US authorities had agreed not to impose any fines or criminal penalties on the bank, it said.

LLB Vaduz said it would pay back the \$16.3 million gross profit it had made on transactions with undeclared assets held by US clients between 2001 and 2012 -- nearly all of it to US tax authorities, with only \$400,000 going to their Liechtenstein counterparts

enstein counterparts.

And it would pay another \$7.5 million to Washington to compensate for lost tax revenues during the same period, the bank said.

The United States would meanwhile acknowledge that Liechtenstein's second largest bank had voluntarily taken measures before the investigation began to root out US clients with hidden funds, the statement said.

The bank said the agreement would have no impact on its income statement, and that it had also set aside provisions for further negotiations over a separate dispute between Washington and its Swiss wing.

Liechtenstein and Switzerland have traditionally been prime destinations for undeclared funds due to their long sacrosanct banking secrecy practices.

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US fines Wyeth \$490.9 mn for illegal drug marketing

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Wyeth Pharmaceuticals has pleaded guilty to misbranding a drug that prevents the rejection of organ transplants and agreed to pay \$490.9 million, the US Justice Department said Tuesday.

The \$490.9 million will resolve Wyeth's criminal and civil liability stemming from the unlawful marketing of the prescription drug Rapamune for uses not approved as safe and effective by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Wyeth was acquired by US drug giant Pfizer in 2009.

In 1999, Wyeth received approval from the FDA for Rapamune use in renal, or kidney, transplant patients. The immunosuppressive drug prevents the body's immune system from rejecting a transplanted organ.

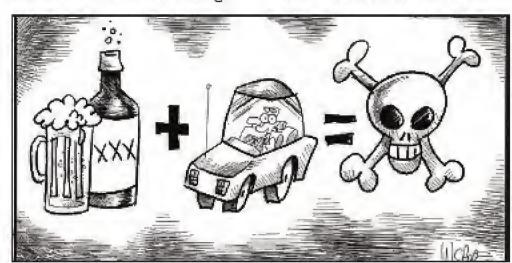
Wyeth was accused of training its Rapamune sales force in the United States to promote the use of the drug in non-renal organ transplants and encouraged them to offer financial incentives to target all types of transplant patients to boost sales.

The FDA had not authorized the so-called "off-label"

"This was a systemic, corporate effort to seek profit over safety. Companies that ignore compliance with FDA regulations will face criminal prosecution and stiff penalties," Sanford Coats, US attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, said in a statement.

Wyeth pleaded guilty to a criminal a misbranding violation and has agreed to pay a criminal fine and forfeiture totaling \$233.5 million, the Justice Department said.

The company, under a plea agreement that has been accepted by the US District Court in Oklahoma City, also has agreed to pay a criminal fine of \$157.58 million and forfeit assets of \$76 million.



Taj Mahal Restaurant, an authentic culinary excursion



-- When Bharat Shah, originally from India, but now a successful businessman in California, put on a spectacular wedding in Aruba for his daughter Lisa and her groom Kalpesh, they welcomed hundreds of friends and relatives from around the world, including the "old country."

When all the wedding guests had finally arrived in Aruba, Bharat hosted an official welcome party along the shore in Palm Beach, and he chose to have it catered by Taj Mahal restaurant, he was that impressed by their cursine.

If you like your Indian food authentic, or are looking for a new and unique dining experience, an evening at Taj Mahal will deliver a memorable meal. A seemingly endless menu offers scores of choices for fish, chicken, lamb and vegetarian dishes that are "the real deal;" discover that Indian food goes way beyond curry!

A taste-testing crew from THE MORNING NEWS chose a selection of their singular starters and two main courses with saffron rice,

served family style, which provided a fine example of the versatility of their chef

Taj Mahal's Tai Choice is a great way to start the meal and be initiated into the joys of Indian cuisine, offering a diverse selection of traditional favorites. It contains hearty portions of Pakoras, crispy vegetarian fritters, Aloo Tikki, potato cutlets,

Chicken Tikka, tender chicken breast pieces seasoned just right, and shaped and seasoned ground lamb, charmingly dubbed "Sheik Kebabs." All is served on a bed of sliced onions and brought to your table on a sizzling platter, and you will want to dish those sauteed onions on to one of their tasty Indian breads called Naan, leaving behind not a single crumb. Main dishes are accompanied by a choice of nice, mixed vegetables nich with garlic, or Naan, plain, buttered, onion or garlic, and you will want to order an extra basket or two of this tasty delight, on which you can spoon your main course, as well. Poon is crispy fried naan, and most definitely worth the extra two dollars to sample with your

meal.

Our group also added an appetizer of crunchy Samosas, the Indian form of a potato knish, served with either cilantro or sweet and sour sauce. A platter of their Jhinga, large, crispy-fried shrimp in a delicate batter is ample enough to serve as a main course, though featured on their appetizer menu.

As we mentioned, main courses are served family style, in beautiful little pots that sit upon a candle to keep them wann. Our group sampled the "Mutton Saagwala," also known as "Lamb Shag" which is cooked in a thick sauce of yogurt and spinach, and the "Fish Hara Masala," moist, tender chunks of fish in a rich sauce featuring cilantro as the main

flavoring. This is offered in mild, medium and very spicy, we found the medium quite spicy enough for us; it left a tingle on the tongue.

The family style service allows everyone at the table to sample a bit of this and that, and we heartily recommend you do, to truly appreciate this authentic bit of India in Aruba. Open for lunch and dinner, Taj Mahal sports a cozy and intimate airconditioned dining room and a small outdoor terrace for those that enjoy dining al fresco. They have an exotic dessert menu to match, but our group was too stuffed to partake; there was even enough left to box up and provide a lunch next day for the lucky first person to get to it!

Located behind the Royal Plaza Mall, Taj Mahal offers a dining experience that is truly out of the ordinary; they feature an excellent and tasty selection for vegetarians too. If you are a fan of Indian food, or have been toying with trying it, Taj Mahal is the place for a very affordable dining experience and the real deal! Call 5884494 for reservations.



'Smart' homes open doors to hackers



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) Smart homes that let residents control alarms, locks
and more over the internet are
opening doors for crooks
with hacker skills, according
to computer security specialists.

"The smart home trend is growing, and it evolves quickly into a story of security," Trustwave managing consultant Daniel Crowley told AFP.

"Connecting things to a network opens up a whole range of vectors of attack, and when you are talking doorlocks, garage doors, and alarm controls it gets scary."

Crowley and Trustwave colleague David Bryan found security "pretty poor" on the home networking devices they studied.

"If someone can access your home network, but doesn't have a key to your home, they can still unlock your door and get in," Crowley said of what he found in gear on the market.

Trustwave researchers will share their findings Thursday with peers at a premier Black Hat security conference in Las Vegas and at the infamous Def Con hacker gathering taking place in that city through the weekend.

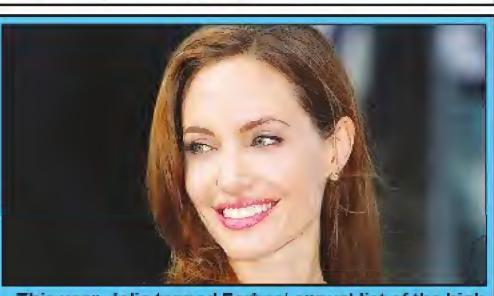
A vulnerability of particular concern to the researchers was that once hackers joined local home networks, perhaps through poorly protected wireless routers or using malware slipped onto computers, they could control devices with no password or other authentication required.

"The fact that you need to be on someone's local network to exploit these things is not as big a hurdle as you'd imagine," Crowley said.

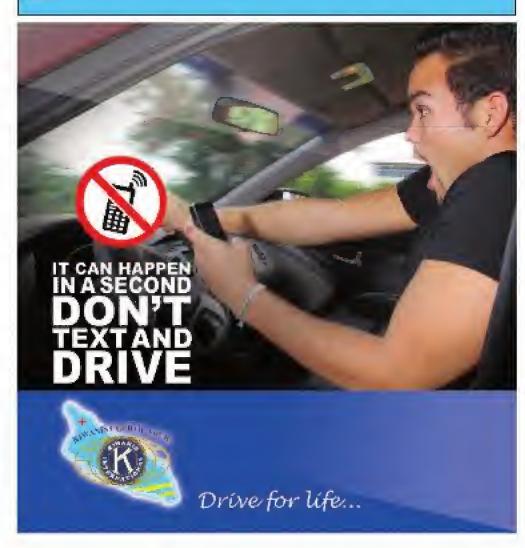
And the trend of providing people with smartphone applications for controlling smart home devices while away means that crooks who hack into handsets could potentially grab the reins, according to the researchers.

There are also ways to use computer "IP" numbers to figure out real-world addresses, and some smart home applications, themselves, reveal location information, according to Trustwaye.

Combing that capability with hacking tools could put an Internet age twist on home burglaries, the researchers said.



This year, Jolie topped Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid actresses in Hollywood with an incredibly robust \$33 million. Everyone's dream best friend Jennifer Lawrence came in second on the list, pocketing a cool \$26 million while third is Kristen Stewart with \$22 million.



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas, The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International. the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's clasic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00pm,

Telf: 5860606 and email: saus. aruban cuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



Swimming: Record breaking Ledecky leads great night for USA



Katie Ledecky celebrates after winnin the women's 1500 freestyle in world record time

BARCELONA (AFP) - Sixteen-year-old swimming sensation Katie Ledecky capped another great night for American swimmers at the world championships in Barcelona by smashing the women's 1500m freestyle world record.

The Washington born swimmer broke Kate Ziegler's sixyear-old mark of 15 minutes 42.54 seconds by an amazing six seconds in the race of the night as Denmark's Lotte Friis only took silver despite also bettering Ziegler's record by nearly four seconds.

Friis though was left with the most bittersweet taste having produced an extraordinary swim of her own.

"It was really mixed emotions when Katie got the plaque up there because I think I deserve one too," lamented the champion from two years ago in Shanghai.

On a night filled with US success, Missy Franklin also stayed on track in her attempt to match Michael Phelps' record eight gold medal haul

from the Beijing Olympics five years ago.

The 18-year-old picked up her first individual gold of the meet in the 100m backstroke, having also been part of the 4x100m relay winning American side on Sunday, and was back in the pool barely 20 minutes later to seal her place in the final of Wednesday night's 200m freestyle final.

Rather than concentrating on her own success though, Franklin was desperate to talk about Ledecky.

"Watching her grow up over the past year or so has been so amazing and watching her swim tonight I knew that record was going down. I'm so proud of her and what she's achieved."

America's gold rush continued as they picked up gold in a third successive race when Matt Grevers edged out teammate David Plummer to take the men's 100m backstroke with Frenchman Jeremy Stravius back in third.

And with Team USA being

spearheaded by the teenage duo of Franklin and Ledecky, Grevers was happy to register a first gold of the meet for the US men who have suffered in a first major championships without the retired Phelps.

"Its' been a great day for the USA. It is a big team and the girls are doing great, especially Missy and Katie," he said.

*For the men we're obviously missing Michael so there are some gaps there

Another teenage Olympic champion validated her title from last year's London Olympics as Lithuania's Ruta Meilutyte claimed gold in the 100m breaststroke in a time just outside of the world record

nor Dwyer, whose silver took the USA's medal tally for the night to six, with Russia's Danila Izotov taking bronze.

In the night's semi-finals, South African duo Chad Le Clos and Cameron Van Der Burgh cemented their status as favourites for the 200m butterfly and 50m breaststroke as they qualified fastest in their respective events.

However, the surprise of the evening came in the women's 200m freestyle as Katinka Hosszu, who had cruised to 200m individual medley gold on Monday night, missed out on the final after registering only the ninth fastest time in qualifying.



Matt Grevers at the start of the men's 100 back final

she set in her semi-final swim on Monday with Russia's Yuha Efimova in second and American Jessica Hardy taking bronze.

And it was also a successful night for France as Stravius' bronze had been preceded by Yannick Angel claiming gold in the men's 200m freestyle.

The Olympic champion just edged out training partner Con-

SPORTS

NBA: Grizzlies bring back ex-Heat Miller



MEMPHIS (AFP) - Mike Miller, a guard who helped the Miami Heat win the last two NBA titles, has signed to play next season for the Memphis Grizzlies, where he spent six years.

The free agent deal announced Tuesday brings the long-range sharpshooter back to a club where he played from 2002 to 2008. He still owns eight club records.

Miller spent the past three seasons with Miami, helping the team reach the NBA Finals each year. The Heat lost to Dallas but then beat Oklahoma City last year and san Antonio last month.

Miller averaged 4.8 points, 2.7 rebounds and 1.7 assists in 59 games last season, making 17 starts for Miami.

After starting his career with Orlando, having been selected by the Magic with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 NBA Draft, Miller was traded to Memphis in 2003, then dealt to Minnesota in 2008. He spent one season with the Timberwolves and the next in Washington before joining Miami as a free agent three years ago.

Miller, 33, has career averages of 12.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.9 assists in 831 career NBA games. He ranks 22nd in career NBA 3-pointers with 1,424 and 20th in all-time 3-point shooting accuracy, hitting 40.6 percent from beyond the arc.



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Champions League results

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Austria Vienna (AUT) 1 Hafnarfjördur (ISL) 0 Nomme Kalju (EST) 0 Viktoria Plzen (CZE) 4

Dynamo Tbilisi (GEO) 0 Steaua Bucharest (ROM) 2

Basel (SUI) 1 Maccabi Tel Aviv (ISR) 0

Nordsjaelland (DEN) 0 Zenit Saint-Petersburg (RUS) 1

PAOK Salonika (GRE) 0 Metalist Kharkiv (UKR) 2

PSV Eindhoven (NED) 2 Zulte Waregem (BEL) 0 Dynamo Zagreb (CRO) 1 Sheriff (MDA) 0

Lyon (FRA) 1 Grasshoppers Zurich (SUI) 0 Playing Today:

Molde (NOR) v Legia Warsaw (POL) APOEL (CYP) v Maribor (SLO)

Ludogorets (BUL) v Partizan Belgrade (SRB)

Saizburg (AUT) v Fenerbahce (TUR) Celtic (SCO) v Elfsborg (SWE)

(Second leg matches to be played August 6 and 7)



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'Tragic day': Judge orders three former **Penn State officials** to stand trial



-- Three former Penn State University officials, including ousted former President Graham Spanier, former vice president Gary Schultz and ex-athletic director Tim Curley were ordered to stand trial Tuesday on criminal charges related to an alleged cover-up that temporarily shielded convicted child predator and former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky from law enforcement scrutiny.

A Pennsylvania district judge ruled Tuesday that prosecutors had shown enough evidence to warrant a trial.

William Wenner Judge called it "a tragic day for Penn. State University.

In previous grand jury testimony, the three administrators claimed to have had only limited knowledge of allegations that Sandusky had acted inappropriately with young boys on campus.

A Centre County jury convicted Sandusky last year of 45 counts of sexual abuse of 10 boys, all of whom were involved in Sandusky's Second Mile charity for disadvantaged youths. Sandusky is serving from 30 to 60 years in prison.

Dodgers sign former Giants rival Brian Wilson



-- Free agent reliever Brian Wilson has agreed to a minor league deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers, a source confirms.

Wilson, 31, hasn't pitched since being injured on April 12, 2012, while with the San Francisco Giants, and undergoing the second Tommy John surgery of his career.

According to Yahoo!, Wilson will report to the Dodgers complex in Arizona before pitching with the Rancho Cucamonga affiliate. The plan is

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for the right-hander to report to the Dodgers in two weeks. He received three offers.

Wilson became a free agent following the 2012 season. He saved at least 36 games in each season from 2008 to 2011 and led the majors with 48 saves in 2010. He went 6-4 with a 3.11 ERA and 36 saves in 2011, his last full season in the majors.

Wilson is a three-time All-Star who led the National League with 48 saves in 2010.

He was drafted by the San Giants in 2003.

MLB Standings									
American		National League							
East	W	L	Po	t GB	East	W	ī	Pc	t GB
TAMPA	63	43	.594		ATLANTA	62	45	.575	
BOSTON	63	44	.589	0.5	WASHINGTON	52	54	.491	9.0
BALTIMORE	58	48	.547	5.0	PHILADELPHIA	49	56	.467	11.5
YANKEES	55	50	.524	7.5	NY METS	47	56	.456	12.5
TORONTO	48	57	.457	14.5	MIAMI	40	64	.385	20.0
Central	w	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	59	45	.567		ST. LOUIS	62	41	.602	
CLEVELAND	57	48	.543	2.5	PITTSBURGH	62	42	.596	0.5
KANSAS	51	51	.500	7.0	CINCINNATI	59	48	.551	5.0
MINNESOTA	45	57	.441	13.0	CHICAGO	48	56	.462	14.5
CHICAGO	40	63	.388	18.5	MILWAUKEE	44	61	.419	19.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	w		Pct	GR
OAKLAND	63	43	.594		DODGERS	-56	48	.538	95
TEXAS	57	49	.538	6.0		54	51	.514	2.5
SEATTLE	50	55	.476	12.5	ARIZONA	51	56	477	6.5
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Swimming: Teen talent Meilutyte adds world gold to record



Ruta Meilutyte

BARCELONA (AFP) Olympic champion Ruta Meilutyte won the women's 100m breaststroke gold medal on Tuesday, a day after setting the new world record, as teenagers led the way at the swimming world championships.

USA smashed the 1500m freestyle record on Tuesday in Barcelona.

In the women's 100m breaststroke final later on Tuesday, Meilutyte won gold after clocking 04.42 secs, just seven hundredths of a second outside



Jessica Hardy

The 16-year-old Lithuanian set the world record of 1min 04.35 in Monday's 100m breaststroke semi-finals before fellow 16-yearold Katie Ledecky of the her own day-old record.

Russia's Yuliya Efimova claimed silver at 0.60sec back with Jessica Hardy of the USA 1.10 admit for bronze.

With 18-year-old Missy Franklin having claimed two of the eight gold medals she is bidding for, teenagers are setting the pace Barcelona Meilutyte.

"I think it is great that young people are stepping up," she said, having won the Olympic title in London as a 15-year-old. "Alot of it goes down

amazing older swimmers inspiring us to do these things and achieving our dreams.

Meilutyte said she has learnt how to cope with the pressure of racing at a major event in the wake of her London triumph.

"Pressure doesn't really bother me to be honest, I could feel a lot of people watching me, but I just went out there and did my best."

Having now added the world title to her Olympic crown, Meilutyte admitted she had looked to improve on the world record in Tuesday's final before fatigue set

Bronze medallist Hardy, whose four-year-old mark Meilutyte broke, expressed no regrets at watching her world record fall.

"To watch her break my record last night was really fun," said the 26-year-old Hardy, who set the previous world record of 1min 04.45 in August 2009.

Judo: Japan judo head resigns in wake of scandals

Japan's judo authority announced his resignation on Tuesday after the sport suffered a series of scandals including abusive coaching, sexual harassment and misuse of funds

Haruki Uemura, head of the All Japan Judo Federation (AJJF), told a news conference that he would officially step down next month along with two other board members.

The announcement came after the government last week took the rare step of calling on the federation to overhaul its management to atone for the scandals.

Japan's judo community was

TOKYO (AFP) - The head of rocked in January this year when it emerged the coach of the national women's team was found to have used a bamboo sword to beat athletes, calling his charges "ugly" and telling them to "die" in the run-up to the London Olympics.

The coach later resigned. In April, judo officials were

accused of improperly receiving government coaching subsidies.

The following month, the federation said it was considering expelling one of its directors for life following the revelation that he made unwanted sexual advances toward a female athlete in 2011.

Celtic sign Ajax star Boerrigter



GLASGOW (AFP) - Scottish champions Celtic signed winger Derk Boerrigter from Dutch champions Ajax on Tuesday for a fee believed to be £3million (\$4.5million) and he could make his debut in Wednesday's Champions League third round qualifier. The 26-year-old - who scored six times last season in helping Ajax win the title - signed a four year contract and could well play a part against Swedish side Elfsborg in the first leg of the qualifier in Glasgow. Celtic manager Neil Lennon, who has raised £17.5million from the transfers of Victor Wanyama to Southampton and Gary Hooper to Norwich, said that Boerrigter ticked all the boxes. Boerrigter had two spells with Ajax, re-signing with them in 2011, and also played for other Dutch outfits Zwolle and RKC Waalwijk.